

CATTLE**MINNESOTA CATTLE INVENTORY UP 2%, U. S. INVENTORY DOWN 1%**

The inventory of Minnesota cattle and calves numbered 2,550,000 head on January 1, 2000. This is up 2% from the January 1, 1999 inventory, according to the Minnesota Agricultural Statistics Service. The U.S. inventory of 98.05 million head was down 1% from the previous year.

Minnesota cows and heifers that have calved numbered 940,000 head on January 1, 2000, 1% above last year. In this category, beef cows, at 400,000 head, were up 4% and milk cows, at 540,000 head, were down 1% from a year ago. Nationally, the total cows and heifers that have calved were 42.73 million head, down slightly from a year ago. Beef cows, at 33.55 million head, were down 1% from January 1, 1999, and milk cows, at 9.19 million head, were up 1% from last year.

ITEM	MINNESOTA			UNITED STATES		
	(Thousands)		2000 as % of 1999	(Millions)		2000 as % of 1999
	1999	2000		1999	2000	
All Cattle & Calves	2,500	2,550	102	99.12	98.05	99
All Cows	930	940	101	42.88	42.73	100
Beef Cows	385	400	104	33.75	33.55	99
Milk Cows	545	540	99	9.13	9.19	101
All Heifers 500 Lbs. +	550	570	104	19.77	19.53	99
Beef Replacement Heifers	90	100	111	5.54	5.53	100
Milk Replacement Heifers	290	290	100	4.07	3.95	97
Other Heifers	170	180	106	10.17	10.04	99
Steers 500 Lbs. & Over	455	460	101	16.89	16.65	99
Bulls 500 Lbs. & Over	35	40	114	2.28	2.29	101
Heifers, Steers, & Bulls Under 500 Lbs.	530	540	102	17.29	16.84	97
Cattle & Calves on Feed	270	285	106	13.22	13.98	106
	1998	1999	1999 as % of 1998	1998	1999	1999 as % of 1998
Calf Crop	900	900	100	38.81	38.71	100

The number of operations in Minnesota with cattle at 30,000 was down 1,000 from last year's number. The number of beef cow operations at 15,800 was unchanged from last year. Operations with milk cows were down 600 to 9,100 operations.